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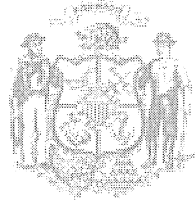
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Ryan Huebsch  
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13<sup>th</sup> Senate District

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## SCOTT FITZGERALD

### SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

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#### **WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT**

##### **Tony Evers, Josh Kaul move to exit Obamacare lawsuit after judge blocks GOP lame-duck laws – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

"Today's ruling only creates chaos and will surely raise questions about items passed during previous extraordinary sessions, including stronger laws against child sexual predators and drunk drivers," Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald of Juneau and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos of Rochester said in a statement.

##### **Judge blocks GOP lame-duck laws limiting Tony Evers' powers; Evers seeks to remove Wisconsin from Obamacare challenge – Wisconsin State Journal**

Evers declined to say Thursday if he will seek to replace the agency's current CEO, Mark Hogan, a Walker appointee. "We have no immediate plans to do anything with WEDC until we have fully had the opportunity to digest the judge's ruling," Evers said.

##### **Dane County judge temporarily blocks lame-duck laws limiting power of Wisconsin governor, attorney general – The Cap Times**

"Failing to enjoin the illegal actions of the Legislature would result in substantial changes to Wisconsin government, the administration of federal benefits and programs, election administration and transportation projects — all pursuant to laws that do not exist," wrote Dane County Circuit Judge Richard Niess in his ruling.

##### **Judge Blocks GOP Laws Passed In Lame-Duck Session – Wisconsin Public Radio**

Niess' ruling also struck down 82 appointments Walker made during the waning days of his administration, all of which were confirmed by Republican state Senators in the lame-duck session. Those appointments included Public Service Commissioner Ellen Nowak and University of Wisconsin Regent Scott Beightol, both of whom were confirmed in December to terms that end in 2023. "The appointments are ordered temporarily vacated as a necessary consequence of this temporary injunction," Niess wrote.

##### **Evers moves to withdraw state from ACA lawsuit after judge blocks lame-duck laws, reviews other options – The Cap Times**

Evers told reporters on Thursday that he is looking at "every opportunity" related to Dane County Circuit Judge Richard Niess' decision to temporarily block a set of laws passed in a lame-duck extraordinary session late last year, but despite Republican lawmakers' plans to appeal the ruling, Evers said he doesn't feel a sense of immediacy. The governor said he will move forward "not with speed, but with thoughtfulness."

### **Judge blocks laws limiting powers of Wisconsin governor – Associated Press**

Niess wrote in his order that he can't uphold the lame-duck session and remain true to the state constitution. The judge denied Tseytlin's request for a stay and called the lawyer's warning that an injunction would create legal chaos an "alarmist domino-theory."

### **Evers needs time to digest restored powers after judge blocks Republican-written lame-duck laws – WISC**

"For decades the Legislature has used extraordinary sessions that have widely been supported by members of both parties," Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said in a joint statement. "The most recent extraordinary session was held for Governor Evers' budget address. Today's ruling only creates chaos and will surely raise questions about items passed during previous extraordinary sessions, including stronger laws against child sexual predators and drunk drivers. We will appeal this ruling."

### **Attorney General Josh Kaul, a Democrat, defends Wisconsin's GOP-passed abortion laws in new court filing – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Democratic Attorney General Josh Kaul backed Wisconsin's abortion laws Thursday in a court filing that came a week after Republican lawmakers contended he couldn't be trusted to defend the measures. "The defendants deny the allegations," Kaul's legal team wrote throughout the 26-page filing.

### **Medicaid Work Rules Harm Hospitals, Study Finds – Wisconsin Public Radio**

A recent study by the Commonwealth Fund estimates that hospitals in the state could lose 15 percent of their Medicaid revenue. Other states like Kentucky could lose more — up to 22 percent — because their work requirements apply to more people. Wisconsin's requirement approved last October by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services would apply to childless adults under age 50 who are healthy enough to work. Those are people who got health coverage under a partial Medicaid expansion by former Gov. Scott Walker.

### **Wisconsin National Guard Program Works To Strengthen Families, Relationships – Wisconsin Public Radio**

Strong Bonds is a free, chaplain-led program available to all servicemen and servicewomen and includes a mix of first-time deployers and repeat deployers, Hedman said. Starting in 1997, the program has grown from 90 military families to more than 130,000 nationally last year.

### **Gov. Evers, Lt. Gov. Barnes filled out brackets, and you bet Wisconsin teams wreak havoc – Appleton Post Crescent**

Evers went with the Badgers to win the whole thing. Barnes, meanwhile, picked Marquette to make it all the way to the finals, only to lose to Kansas. Evers, a University of Wisconsin-Madison grad, has Wisconsin topping the No. 1 overall seed Duke in the national championship game. The fifth-seeded Badgers start their quest for a title at 3:30 p.m. Friday against the Oregon Ducks.

## **STATEWIDE NEWS**

### **Wisconsin unemployment drops to 2.9 percent in February – Associated Press**

The state Department of Workforce Development reported Thursday that Wisconsin's unemployment rate was 2.9 percent in February. That is near the record-low of 2.8 percent reached in April last year. Prior to last year, Wisconsin's unemployment rate never dropped below 3 percent.

### **Scott Walker to raise money for Republican redistricting group – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Former Gov. Scott Walker will lead fundraising for a Republican group focused on drawing maps for Congress and state legislatures. As fundraising chairman for the National Republican Redistricting Trust, Walker will serve in some ways as a counterpoint to Eric Holder, the former attorney general under President Barack Obama who has been active in Wisconsin politics since last year. Holder oversees the National Democratic Redistricting Committee.

### **Former governor Walker joining GOP redistricting group – Associated Press**

It's the second new job for Walker announced this week. He will also be leading the national effort to call a constitutional convention to adopt a balanced budget amendment.

### **More chemicals found at Badger Army Ammunition site near Merrimac – Wisconsin State Journal**

A release from Clean Water states information obtained by the organization shows the concentration of all PFAS detected at the southern boundary of Badger is as high as 82 parts per trillion. In response to the statement, Army officials said they didn't release the additional information because there are no federal or Wisconsin standards for any of the PFAS compounds. The Army is not legally bound to release the information.

**Report Highlights Continued Financial Stress For Wisconsin Dairy Farmers – Wisconsin Public Radio**

United States court system data shows Wisconsin had 22 Chapter 12 bankruptcy cases in 2014. That number rose to 50 cases in 2017, and the Western District of Wisconsin had the most Chapter 12 bankruptcies in the nation that year. Stein said 50 cases could seem small, especially when compared to the 68,500 farms in Wisconsin. But he said the rising number of farm bankruptcies suggests broader financial distress in the dairy industry that could be detrimental to the state's economy.

**Great Lakes states are warming faster than the rest of the country, more flooding is in store, new report says – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

The Great Lakes — already feeling the impacts of climate change — face more threats in the coming decades, ranging from increased flooding and higher temperatures to deteriorating water quality and fluctuating lake levels. Scientists predict the impacts will affect the ecology of the lakes, stress water infrastructure systems and pose problems for recreation. The region is already warming faster than the rest of the country.

**MillerCoors sues Anheuser-Busch over corn syrup ads – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

On Thursday, the brewer sued Anheuser-Busch, alleging that the ads - which go by such names as "Medieval Barber" and "Thespians Performing Beer Ingredients" - are false, misleading and part of a nefarious plot to frighten drinkers of Miller Lite and Coors Light into dumping their customary brews in favor of Bud Light. MillerCoors' central complaint: There is no corn syrup in the glass, bottle or can of Miller Lite or Coors Light that consumers drink. All the corn syrup used in the brewing process as a fermentation aid is turned into alcohol by the time it hits drinkers' lips, MillerCoors said.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Trump endorses Israeli control of the disputed Golan Heights – Washington Post**

President Trump on Thursday abruptly endorsed permanent Israeli control of the disputed Golan Heights, saying on Twitter that the area seized from Syria in the 1967 Arab war is "of critical strategic and security importance" to Israel.

**Alleged mail bomber Cesar Sayoc pleads guilty; devices were sent to critics of Trump – NBC News**

A Florida man suspected of sending more than a dozen pipe bombs to prominent critics of President Donald Trump last year pleaded guilty on Thursday. Cesar Sayoc entered the plea Thursday before a federal judge in Manhattan. He had previously pleaded not guilty.

**Trump set to sign executive order on campus free speech – Politico**

President Donald Trump is expected to sign an executive order on Thursday that addresses campus free speech as well as other higher education issues, according to several sources familiar with the White House's plans.



**Ottman, Tad**

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# December 2018 Extraordinary Session

2:05 P.M. TUESDAY, December 4, 2018

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Senate President Roth.

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## Oath of Office

Upon the calling of the newly elected Senator on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, Caleb Frostman appeared before the Senate, took and subscribed a ceremonial oath of office which was administered by Senate President Roger Roth.

*Please see the June 28, 2018 Journal for Senator Frostman's official oath of office.*

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## Senator Shilling Introduced Senator Frostman

"I am excited and pleased to have this opportunity today to formally introduce our new member today. Senator Caleb Frostman is serving in the State Senate representing the 1st Senate District. Senator Frostman serves Door and Kewaunee Counties as well as parts of Manitowoc, Brown, Calumet and Outagamie counties.

Since being elected in the June 2018 Special Election, Senator Frostman has been hard at work championing economic development, environmental conservation and preserving our great outdoor sporting heritage. Since he was elected in June, if Senator Frostman wasn't attending community events or working on behalf of his constituents, he could be found fishing or hunting.

Senator Frostman was raised in Green Bay and currently lives in Sturgeon Bay. He is the former Executive Director of the Door County Economic Development Corporation, which under his leadership was a model economic development organization for the rest of the state.

Every resident deserves to be represented, and Senator Frostman has served with integrity and professionalism. Despite claims that we didn't need this special election because legislation wouldn't be coming in... here we are here today.

The people of the 1st Senate District deserved representation. I couldn't be more proud to have Senator Frostman with us today."

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## Call of Roll

The roll was called, disclosing the presence of a quorum.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 15, the official attendance for session was:

Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Cowles, Craig, Darling, Erpenbach, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Kapenga, Larson, LeMahieu, Marklein, Miller, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Ringhand, Risser, Roth, Schachtner, Shilling, Stroebel, L. Taylor, Testin, Tiffany, Vinehout, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Wirch - 33.

Absent with leave – None - 0.

The Senate stood for the prayer which was offered by Senator Moulton.

The Senate remained standing and Senator Frostman led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (6), the Chief Clerk made the following entries under the above date.

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## Chief Clerk's Entries

### Amendments Offered

Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 883** offered by the joint committee on **Finance**.

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 883** offered by Senator Stroebel.

Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 884** offered by the joint committee on **Finance**.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 884** offered by Senator Fitzgerald.

Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 886** offered by the joint committee on **Finance**.

Senate Amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 886** offered by Senator Fitzgerald.

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 365** offered by Senators Feyen and Fitzgerald.

Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Substitute Amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 365** offered by Senators Erpenbach, Shilling, Schachtner, Wirch, Miller, L. Taylor, Johnson, Vinehout, Carpenter, Larson, Frostman, Ringhand, Risser, Hansen and Bewley.

Senate Substitute Amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 365** offered by Senators Feyen and Fitzgerald.

Senate Substitute Amendment 3 to **Assembly Bill 365** offered by Senators Craig and Kapenga.

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## **Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Proposals**

Read and referred:

### **Senate Joint Resolution 118**

Relating to: honoring the life and public service of President George H.W. Bush.

By Senators Roth, Darling, Cowles, Petrowski, Feyen, Wanggaard, Marklein, Kapenga, Tiffany, Moulton, Vukmir, Stroebel and LeMahieu; cosponsored by Representatives Steineke, Allen, Ballweg, Bernier, Born, R. Brooks, Duchow, Felzkowski, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, Katsma, Knodl, Kremer, Krug, Kulp, Loudonbeck, Murphy, Mursau, Novak, Ott, Pronschinske, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Skowronski, Snyder, Spiros, Summerfield, Swearingen, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Vos, Wichgers, VanderMeer and Tusler.

To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

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## **Report of Committees**

The joint committee on **Finance** reported and recommended:

### **Senate Bill 883**

Relating to: state and local highway projects; expenditure of transportation moneys received from the federal government; determining a reduction in individual income tax rates; and election of pass-through entities to be taxed at the entity level.

Senate Amendment 1 adoption.

Ayes: 12 - Senator Darling and Representative Nygren; Senators Olsen, Marklein, Vukmir, Tiffany and Stroebel; Representatives Kooyenga, Loudonbeck, Felzkowski, Born and Rohrkaste.

Noes: 4 - Senators Erpenbach and Johnson; Representatives C. Taylor and Shankland.

Passage as amended.

Ayes: 12 - Senator Darling and Representative Nygren; Senators Olsen, Marklein, Vukmir, Tiffany and Stroebel; Representatives Kooyenga, Loudenbeck, Felzkowski, Born and Rohrkaste.

Noes: 4 - Senators Erpenbach and Johnson; Representatives C. Taylor and Shankland.

#### **Senate Bill 884**

Relating to: legislative powers and duties, state agency and authority composition and operations, and administrative rule-making process.

Senate Amendment 1 adoption.

Ayes: 12 - Senator Darling and Representative Nygren; Senators Olsen, Marklein, Vukmir, Tiffany and Stroebel; Representatives Kooyenga, Loudenbeck, Felzkowski, Born and Rohrkaste.

Noes: 4 - Senators Erpenbach and Johnson; Representatives C. Taylor and Shankland.

Passage as amended.

Ayes: 12 - Senator Darling and Representative Nygren; Senators Olsen, Marklein, Vukmir, Tiffany, and Stroebel; Representatives Kooyenga, Loudenbeck, Felzkowski, Born, and Rohrkaste.

Noes: 4 - Senators Erpenbach, and Johnson; Representatives C. Taylor, and Shankland.

#### **Senate Bill 886**

Relating to: federal government waivers and other requests for federal approval; public assistance programs; waivers from work search and registration requirements for certain unemployment insurance benefit claimants; granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation.

Senate Amendment 1 adoption.

Ayes: 12 - Senator Darling and Representative Nygren; Senators Olsen, Marklein, Vukmir, Tiffany and Stroebel; Representatives Kooyenga, Loudenbeck, Felzkowski, Born and Rohrkaste.

Noes: 4 - Senators Erpenbach and Johnson; Representatives C. Taylor and Shankland.

Passage as amended.

Ayes: 12 - Senator Darling and Representative Nygren; Senators Olsen, Marklein, Vukmir, Tiffany and Stroebel; Representatives Kooyenga, Loudenbeck, Felzkowski, Born and Rohrkaste.

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*ALBERTA DARLING*

Senate Chairperson

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## **Petitions and Communications**

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representatives Kitchens and Vorpagel added as cosponsors of **Senate Joint Resolution 118**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch withdrawn as cosponsors of **Assembly Bill 365**.

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## **Advice and consent of the Senate**

Senator Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that all appointments be taken up en masse.

Senator Carpenter objected.

## **POINT OF ORDER**

Senator Carpenter raised the point of order that the appointments were not properly before the Senate.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Senator Roth, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate stand informal.

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Senator Roth, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess.

2:36 P.M.

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## **Recess**

3:14 P.M.

The Senate reconvened.

Senate President Roth in the chair.

The Chair noted the possible lack of a quorum.

The roll was taken and a quorum was present.

**ANDERSON, RENEE E.**

Of Milwaukee, as a Public Member on the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2024.

Read.

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Senator Carpenter, with unanimous consent, asked that Senator Vinehout's remarks be entered into the journal.

"We heard from the Senator from the 27th that we thought this was a violation of process, but I've just now learned from the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau that it's not only a violation of process, it's a violation of state law. The particular statute is 19.42 (10)(d), which says that the Board of Regents members are required to file a statement of economic interest. I think it's important Mr. President that we understand not only does it appear to be that we're looking at violating process, we're also violating law."

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**In the Chair**

President Pro Tempore Marklein in the chair.

3:37 P.M.

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**In the Chair**

Senate President Roth in the chair.

3:38 P.M.

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Senator Carpenter withdrew his objection to take the appointments up en masse.

Senator Erpenbach moved that the appointments of Scott Beightol and Torrey Tiedeman be referred to the committee on **Senate Organization**.

The question was: Referral of the appointments of Scott Beightol and Torrey Tiedeman to the committee on **Senate Organization**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 15; noes, 18; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 15.

Noes - Senators Cowles, Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 18.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Referral refused.

**ANDERSON, RENEE E.** of Milwaukee, as a Public Member on the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2024.

**ARMSTRONG, SHIRLEY A.** of Stone Lake, as a Domestic Abuse Knowledge Representative on the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2019.

**BAHR, LISA** of Oconomowoc, as a Dental Hygienist Representative on the Dentistry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**BEIGHTOL, SCOTT C.** of Wales, as a Congressional District 1 Representative on the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2023.

**BERRY, DR. SHARI** of Tomah, as a Physical Therapist on the Physical Therapy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**BISTAN, DR. MATTHEW R.** of Sheboygan, as a Dentist on the Dentistry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**BORST, DONALD** of Little Suamico, as a Licensed Radiographer on the Radiography Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**BROECKERT, ROBERT R.** of Appleton, as an Audiologist on the Hearing and Speech Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**BRYCE, DR. DAVID ANTHONY** of Middleton, as a Doctor-Medicine on the Medical Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.



**CHWALA, THOMAS** of Lake Mills, as a Southern Area Representative on the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**CRANE, SUSAN M.** of Burlington, as a General Business Representative on the State Fair Park Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2023.

**DESMONDE, DR. MARCUS P.** of Colfax, as a Psychologist on the Psychology Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**DOLATOWSKI, ROSEMARY P.** of Burlington, as a Registered Nurse on the Board of Nursing, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**EERNISSE, MARC A** of Port Washington, as a Funeral Director/Embalmer on the Funeral Directors Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**ENKE, H. BRUCE** of Green Bay, as a Brown County Representative on the Fox River Navigational System Authority, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**FELDT, JEFFERY** of Kaukauna, as an Outagamie County Representative on the Fox River Navigational System Authority, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**GIESKING, JEFFERY** of Menomonie, as a Professional Member on the Podiatrists Affiliated Credentialing Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**GORSUCH, ROBERT C.** of Fitchburg, as a Professional Member on the Banking Review Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2023.

**GRATHEN, PATRICIA** of La Crosse, as a Professional Member on the Cemetery Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**GREBE, KELLY H.** of Mequon, as General Business Representative of the State Fair Park Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2020.

**GRECO, LISA M** of Brookfield, as a Credit Union Experience on the Credit Union Review Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2023.

**HAMBERGER, DR. KEVIN L.** of Franklin, as a Domestic Abuse Knowledge on the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**HANSEN, BRYCE L.** of Prairie Farm, as a Professional Member on the Auctioneer Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2020.

**HAWKINS, CHARLES** of Marinette, as a Nursing Home Administrator on the Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**HUTCHISON, DAVID** of Luxemburg, as a Public Representative on the Educational Communications Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2021.

**JOHNSEN, JACK J.** of Oshkosh, as an Athletic Trainer on the Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**JOHNSON, BARBARA** of De Pere, as an Audiologist on the Hearing and Speech Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**JONES, STANLEY D.** of Clyman, as a Professional Member on the Auctioneer Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2022.

**KALPIC, NELA** of Madison, as a Domestic Abuse Knowledge on the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**KASKE, DR. HERBERT MICHAEL** of Twin Lakes, as a Dentist Representative on the Dentistry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**KLAPPERICH, STEVEN** of St. Cloud, as a Hearing Instrument Specialist on the Hearing and Speech Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2019.

**KNEESEL, THOMAS** of Pleasant Prairie, as a Certified Appraiser on the Real Estate Appraisers Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2022.

**KOGER, KRISTIN** of Rice Lake, as a Professional Independent Social Worker on the Marriage and Family Therapy Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**KRIER, THOMAS J.** of Allentown, as a Hearing Instrument Specialist on the Hearing and Speech Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**KRUEGER, ELIZABETH A.** of Waukesha, as a Government Representative on the Marriage and Family Therapy Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**LADIEN, FRANKLIN J.** of Menomonee Falls, as a Pharmacist on the Pharmacy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**LAROWE, DR. TARA** of Madison, as a Dietitian on the Dietitians Affiliated Credentialing Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**LAU, DR. LEE ANN R.** of West Bend, as a Doctor-Medicine on the Medical Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**MANKOWSKI, JOEL** of Greenfield, as a member of the Sign Language Interpreters Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2014.

**MARINO, RICHARD J.** of Plain, as a Real Estate Sales/Broker on the Real Estate Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**MARSHALL, TRACY** of Muskego, as a Radiological Physicist on the Radiography Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**MAXWELL, GEORGIA E.** of Madison, as Commissioner of the Labor and Industry Review Commission, to serve for the term effective January 6, 2019 and ending March 1, 2023.

**MAYO, DALE** of Conover, as a Northern Area Representative on the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**MCNALLY, VICKY** of Edgerton, as a Cosmetologist on the Cosmetology Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**MICHAELIS, MARLA** of Jefferson, as a Funeral Director/Embalmer on the Funeral Directors Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**MILLER, KATHLEEN M.** of Janesville, as a Professional Counselor on the Marriage and Family Therapy Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**MYERS, DENNIS** of Germantown, as a Public Member-Surveyor Section on the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**NOWAK, ELLEN** of Fitchburg, as Commissioner of the Public Service Commission, to serve for the term effective December 28, 2018 ending March 1, 2023.

**O'BRIEN, LAURA** of Oregon, as an Occupational Therapist on the Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2019.

**OLSON, SARAH** of Readstown, as a Physical Therapist Assistant on the Physical Therapy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**PERRY, SUSAN M.** of Woodruff, as a Domestic Abuse Knowledge Representative on the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2019.

**PIETZ, DR. WENDY M.** of Milwaukee, as a Dentist on the Dentistry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**RANK, KIM S.** of Shiocton, as a Cosmetologist and Aesthetician on the Cosmetology Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**REINEMANN, JOHN** of Madison, as a Public Member on the Cemetery Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**REINEMANN, JOHN** of Madison, as a Public Member on the Accounting Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**RICHIE, THOMAS J.** of Rice Lake, as a Real Estate Sales/Broker on the Real Estate Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**SCHEIDEGGER, TAMMY H.** of Oconomowoc, as a Professional Counselor on the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**SCHLICHTING, DR. DAVID K.** of Greenfield, as an Accountant on the Accounting Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**SCHROEDL, BERNARD** of Greendale, as a Professional Member on the Cemetery Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**SCHULZ, DR. ROBERT C.** of Appleton, as an Optometrist on the Optometry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**SCHULZ, RENEE J.** of Marshfield, as a Domestic Abuse Knowledge on the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**SEIDENSTRICKER, PAUL** of Wauwatosa, as a Public Member on the UW Hospitals and Clinics Authority and Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**SHEILD, DR. PETER** of Oconomowoc, as a Dentist Representative on the Dentistry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**SHORT, TIM** of Neenah, as a Winnebago County Representative on the Fox River Navigational System Authority, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**SIPPEL, SUSAN** of Plover, as a Domestic Abuse Knowledge on the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**STANICK, PAMELA** of Brookfield, as a Public Member on the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, to serve for the term ending June 30, 2022.

**STERLING, DR. JOHN L.** of Coon Valley, as an Optometrist on the Optometry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**SURPRISE, JAMES** of Wautoma, as a Public Member on the Board on Aging and Long Term Care, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2023.

**TAYLOR PH.D., DR. DALE B.** of Eau Claire, as a Public Member on the Board on Aging and Long Term Care, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2020.

**TAYLOR, ALENA A.** of New Richmond, as a Domestic Abuse Knowledge on the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**THOMAS, MARK M.** of Mequon, as a Domestic Abuse Knowledge Representative on the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2019.

**THOMPSON, DR. DAVID** of Burlington, as a Psychologist on the Psychology Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**TIEDEMAN, TORREY G.** of Madison, as a Non-Traditional Student Representative on the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2020.

**TRAPSKIN, PHILIP J.** of Fitchburg, as a Pharmacist on the Pharmacy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**VERGAMINI, GREGORY** of Superior, as an Athletic Trainer on the Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**WALSH, ROGER E.** of Milwaukee, as an Inland Lakes Representative on the Wisconsin Waterways Commission, to serve for the term ending March 1, 2023.

**WEITEKAMP, JOHN** of West Allis, as a Pharmacist on the Pharmacy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

**WINTERS, CATHY** of Wausau, as a Pharmacist on the Pharmacy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**WINTERS, KEENE** of Wausau, as a Public Member on the Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

**ZALEWSKI, DR. KATHRYN R.** of Wauwatosa, as a Physical Therapist on the Physical Therapy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**ZEUSKE, CATE** of Green Bay, as a Public Member on the Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

**ZIPPERER, SCOTT T.** of Manitowoc, as a WTCS Student Representative on the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2019.

The question was: Confirmation en masse?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Cowles, Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 18.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 15.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Confirmed.

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## Consideration of motions, resolutions, and joint resolutions not requiring a third reading

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Joint Resolution 118** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.

### **Senate Joint Resolution 118**

Relating to: honoring the life and public service of President George H.W. Bush.

Read.

Adopted by unanimous rising vote.

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## Second reading and amendments of senate joint resolutions and senate bills

Senator Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that **Senate Bill 883** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.

Senator Hansen objected.

Senator Fitzgerald moved that **Senate Bill 883** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.

Senator Roth, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate stand informal.

The Chair noted the possible lack of a quorum.

The roll was taken and a quorum was present.

The question was: Shall **Senate Bill 883** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Cowles, Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 18.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 15.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Withdrawn and taken up.

### **Senate Bill 883**

Relating to: state and local highway projects; expenditure of transportation moneys received from the federal government; determining a reduction in individual income tax rates; and election of pass-through entities to be taxed at the entity level.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 883**?

Adopted.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 883**?

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

### **Senate Bill 883**

Read a third time.

The question was: Passage of **Senate Bill 883**?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Cowles, Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 18.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 15.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Passed.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be immediately messaged to the Assembly:

**Senate Joint Resolution 118**

**Senate Bill 883**

Messaged.

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Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess.

5:31 P.M.

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**Recess**

9:36 P.M.

The Senate reconvened.

Senate President Roth in the chair.

The Chair noted the possible lack of a quorum.

The roll was taken and a quorum was present.

Senator Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that **Senate Bill 886** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.

Senator Hansen objected.

Senator Fitzgerald moved that **Senate Bill 886** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.



The question was: Shall **Senate Bill 886** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Cowles, Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 18.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 15.

Absent or not voting - None - 0.

Withdrawn and taken up.

### **Senate Bill 886**

Relating to: federal government waivers and other requests for federal approval; public assistance programs; waivers from work search and registration requirements for certain unemployment insurance benefit claimants; granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation.

Read a second time.

Senator Roth, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate stand informal.

Senator Fitzgerald moved that Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 886** be laid on the table.

The question was: Tabling of Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 886**?

Tabled.

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Senator Roth, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess.

9:55 P.M.

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### **Recess**

10:16 P.M.

The Senate reconvened.

Senate President Roth in the chair.

The Chair noted the possible lack of a quorum.

The roll was taken and a quorum was present.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 886**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Cowles, Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 18.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 15.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

### **Senate Bill 886**

Read a third time.

The question was: Passage of **Senate Bill 886**?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Cowles, Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 18.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 15.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Passed.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be immediately messaged to the Assembly:

**Senate Bill 886**

Messaged.

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Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess.

10:48 P.M.

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**Recess**

4:58 A.M. Wednesday, December 5

The Senate reconvened.

Senate President Roth in the chair.

The Chair noted the possible lack of a quorum.

The roll was taken and a quorum was present.

Senator Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that **Senate Bill 884** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.

Senator Hansen objected.

Senator Fitzgerald moved that **Senate Bill 884** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.

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**In the Chair**

President Pro Tempore Marklein in the chair.

5:14 A.M. Wednesday, December 5

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### **In the Chair**

Senate President Roth in the chair.

5:20 A.M. Wednesday, December 5

Senator Carpenter moved that the Senate stand adjourned.

The question was: Shall the Senate stand adjourned?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 15; noes, 18; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 15.

Noes - Senators Cowles, Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 18.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Refused to adjourn.

The question was: Shall **Senate Bill 884** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Cowles, Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 18.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 15.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Withdrawn and taken up.

### **Senate Bill 884**

Relating to: legislative powers and duties, state agency and authority composition and operations, and administrative rule-making process.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 884**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Cowles, Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 18.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 15.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### **Senate Bill 884**

Read a third time.

The question was: Passage of **Senate Bill 884**?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 17; noes, 16; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 17.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Cowles, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 16.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Passed.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be immediately messaged to the Assembly:

#### **Senate Bill 884**

Messaged.

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## **Second reading and amendments of assembly joint resolutions and assembly bills**

Senator Fitzgerald moved that **Assembly Bill 365** be withdrawn from the committee on **Insurance, Financial Services, Constitution and Federalism** and taken up at this time.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Bill 365** be withdrawn from the committee on **Insurance, Financial Services, Constitution and Federalism** and taken up at this time?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Cowles, Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 18.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirsch - 15.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Withdrawn and taken up.

### **Assembly Bill 365**

Relating to: prohibiting lifetime and annual limits under health insurance policies and plans.

Read a second time.

Senator Erpenbach, with unanimous consent, asked that Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 365** be withdrawn and returned to author.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 365**?

Adopted.

Senator Vukmir moved that Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Substitute Amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 365** be laid on the table.

The question was: Tabling of Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Substitute Amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 365**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Cowles, Craig, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 18.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 15.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Tabled.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 365**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 16; noes, 17; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Cowles, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 16.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Craig, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Kapenga, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 17.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Refused to adopt.

Senator Fitzgerald moved that Senate Substitute Amendment 3 to **Assembly Bill 365** be laid on the table.

The question was: Tabling of Senate Substitute Amendment 3 to **Assembly Bill 365**?

Tabled.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

Read a third time.

The question was: Concurrence of **Assembly Bill 365**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 16; noes, 17; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Cowles, Darling, Feyen, Fitzgerald, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Testin, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 16.

Noes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Craig, Erpenbach, Frostman, Hansen, Johnson, Kapenga, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Schachtner, Shilling, L. Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch - 17.

Absent or not voting – None - 0.

Refused concurrence.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be immediately messaged to the Assembly:

**Assembly Bill 365**

Action Messaged.

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## **Announcements, Adjournment Honors, and Remarks Under Special Privilege**

Senator Miller, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of the retiring state senators. Leah Vukmir, Senate District 5, was elected to the legislature in 2002. Terry Mouton, Senate District 23, was elected to the legislature in 2004. Kathleen Vinehout, Senate District 31, was elected to the legislature in 2006. Caleb Frostman, Senate District 1, was elected to the legislature in 2018.

Senator Vukmir, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of her staff, especially this session: Jessica, Mattias, Ben and Jason.

Senator Vukmir, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of her kids, because if it wasn't for them, she wouldn't be here today.

Senator Vukmir, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of son, who was recently promoted to Captain in the United States Army. Today, he has the incredible honor of serving alongside the casket of President Bush. Senator Vukmir would also like to adjourn in his honor and all the other young men and women who serve this great country and to President Bush.

Senator Johnson, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Sandra Parks, a 13-year-old Milwaukee child, who died on November 19, 2018, a tragic victim of the gun violence epidemic.



Senator Larson, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of his daughter, Stella Louisa Larson, who celebrates her 4th birthday on December 7, 2018. She is an amazing person who brings joy and happiness to our family.

Senator Larson, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Jennie Ramus, a former high school classmate, who was tragically killed 20 years ago on December 23rd by a repeat drunk driver. Jennie, a high school senior, was coming home from a Christmas gathering when she was hit by a repeat drunk driver who was driving after drinking at a party. He was dangerously over the legal blood-alcohol limit. Her death sticks with him, especially when we bring forth legislation to reduce drunk driving and repeat drunk drivers. In the last 20 years since her tragic death, and despite the injury and death of thousands of our friends and neighbors, we have failed to pass Wisconsin drunk driving laws that are effective. Her death, as well as the 182 other lives lost in the last reportable year to drunk driving, were needless. Although this session is ending with no real action on this issue, we must do better to honor those needlessly taken from us. It is his hope that everyone drives safe this holiday season. Watch and be cautious because with our laws, drunk drivers are out there on our roads. Senator Larson adjourns in honor and memory of Jennie Ramus as well in honor of all who we have tragically lost to drunk driving.

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## Messages from the Assembly

By Patrick E. Fuller, chief clerk.

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the Assembly has adopted and asks concurrence in:

### Assembly Joint Resolution 119

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## Messages from the

## Assembly Considered

### Assembly Joint Resolution 119

Relating to: Relating to: the life and public service of Bishop Robert C. Morlino.

By Representatives Tranel, Allen, Ballweg, Bernier, Jacque, Knodl, Krug, Murphy, Mursau, Ott, Rodriguez, Skowronski, Snyder, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Vos, Wichgers, Tusler and Vorpagel; cosponsored by Senator Marklein.

Read and referred to the committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that **Assembly Joint Resolution 119** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.

## **Assembly Joint Resolution 119**

Relating to: Relating to: the life and public service of Bishop Robert C. Morlino.

The question was: Concurrence of **Assembly Joint Resolution 119**?

Concurred in.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be immediately messaged to the Assembly:

## **Assembly Joint Resolution 119**

Messaged.

Senator Shilling, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of all our staff who've been here a long time, day and night. She would also like to adjourn in honor of the Chief Clerk's Office, page staff, Reference Bureau and other support agencies who have been here and been at the ready as we've called them in for the clarification and briefings, as well as the Capitol Police who were here. Thank you for making the night and the day and the morning what it was.

Senator L. Taylor, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Sandra Parks, her constituent who was recently killed. Her mother is very troubled from the experience the family has had. Senator Taylor would also like to adjourn in honor of all of those in our lives who have passed away recently.

Senator Miller, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of his wife, Josephine Oyama-Miller, daughter of immigrants whose family was incarcerated in the forced relocation camps for American of Japanese descent during WWII and his partner and support for fifty years this month.

Senator Olsen, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Rachel Scott and her parents. Rachel was the first person killed in the Columbine shooting 20 years ago. Last Monday, the Senator and his wife had the opportunity to meet with the Scotts and learn about their daughter who was a remarkable young lady. She lived 17 years and what the Scotts have done is started something called Rachel's Challenge that has made an impact on millions of people across the US and the world. They go into schools and into communities with a message of love and hope and forgiveness, and every week the Scotts get emails and messages from people who have gone through their program that the program has saved their lives because they were going to commit suicide. They also have stopped mass shootings because they get emails from people saying "I wasn't just thinking about it. I had the stuff ready to shoot and kill my fellow students." They have taken a tragedy in their life and made it something positive, and it has saved many, many children and parents and people from across the country and the world.

Senator Wanggaard, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of his mother and father on the 77th wedding anniversary on December 12th.

Senator Wanggaard, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of his granddaughter, Hattie Kay, on her 6th birthday on December 10th.

Senator Darling, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of her wonderful grandson, Liam, who turned 7 last week.

Senator Schachtner, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Officer Lee Sylvester Murphy. In June 1953, Officer Murphy pulled over a suspect who had stolen a car in Hawthorne and robbed a tavern in Amery. During the traffic stop Officer Murphy sustained a gunshot wound to the shoulder. Despite being wounded, Officer Murphy chased the suspect into Hudson. The suspect shot and killed Patrolman Clarence Erickson, of the Hudson Police Department in an effort to evade officers. Officer Murphy joined a gun battle between officers and the suspect. After this course of events, Officer Murphy had a shoulder operation and suffered a stroke shortly after surgery. He had been ill as a result of the gunshot wound and stroke for two years and succumbed to his injuries on September 22, 1955. After years of applying to have Officer Murphy's name listed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Officer Murphy's application was accepted and his name will be added on the Memorial in the spring of 2019. Senator Schachtner is honored to have been part of the process that finally led to the successful acceptance of this long awaited and deserved honor for Officer Lee Murphy.

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## **Adjournment**

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the December 2018 Extraordinary Session of the Senate stand adjourned until Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

Adjourned.

7:36 A.M. Wednesday, December 5

## Augustyn, Jessie

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**From:** Augustyn, Jessie  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2019 4:41 PM  
**To:** Zimmerman, Alec  
**Subject:** E Nowak affidavit  
**Attachments:** affidavit.pdf; ATT00001.txt

## Augustyn, Jessie

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**From:** Augustyn, Jessie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 9:07 AM  
**To:** Huebsch, Ryan  
**Subject:** Fwd: E Nowak affidavit  
**Attachments:** affidavit.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[Jessie.Augustyn@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Jessie.Augustyn@legis.wisconsin.gov)>  
**Date:** March 25, 2019 at 4:40:46 PM CDT  
**To:** <[Alec.Zimmerman@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Alec.Zimmerman@legis.wisconsin.gov)>  
**Subject:** E Nowak affidavit

## Augustyn, Jessie

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**From:** Renk, Jeff  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 12:45 PM  
**To:** Huebsch, Ryan  
**Cc:** Augustyn, Jessie  
**Subject:** RE: Contact Information  
**Attachments:** Dec2018\_Appt\_Addresses.pdf

Hi Ryan,

Yes, they are. Here is a pdf with all 82 appointments containing the personal information page of the appointing documents. It's only 81 pages because John Reinemann is the same person appointed to two positions. Personal info is the same.

Let me know if you have any questions. Jessie is Cc'd here.

Thanks.

Jeff

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**From:** Huebsch, Ryan <Ryan.Huebsch@legis.wisconsin.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 12:36 PM  
**To:** Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>  
**Subject:** Contact Information

Hey Jeff,

Jessie wanted me to ask if email addresses were included with the contact information for the 82 appointments?

Thanks!

Ryan Huebsch  
Legislative Aide  
Senator Scott Fitzgerald  
Senate Majority Leader  
13<sup>th</sup> Senate District

## Augustyn, Jessie

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**From:** Augustyn, Jessie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2019 4:27 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** LWV stay  
**Attachments:** fax-032719-1542.pdf

## Augustyn, Jessie

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**From:** Ellen Nowak [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2019 6:45 PM  
**To:** Augustyn, Jessie; Zimmerman, Alec  
**Subject:** Fwd: Order

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Sarver, Randy - DOT" <[Randy.Sarver@dot.wi.gov](mailto:Randy.Sarver@dot.wi.gov)>  
**Date:** March 27, 2019 at 6:40:11 PM CDT  
**To:** Ellen Nowak <[REDACTED]>, Bob Seitz <[bobseitz@gmail.com](mailto:bobseitz@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Order

Good evening, Ellen and Bob.

I received information from DOA related to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District III decision to stay the temporary injunction by the Circuit Court in the *League of Women Voters* case. I have been informed that the stay by the Court of Appeals did not restore the appointments that were withdrawn by Governor Evers on March 22, 2019. Therefore, I have also been informed that the decisions from last Friday related to your appointments remain unchanged.

I will continue to provide you any updates as I receive them.

If you have any questions for me, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will be in the office all day tomorrow. My number is 608-266-0507.

Thank you.  
Randy

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**From:** Ellen Nowak <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2019 5:04 PM  
**To:** Sarver, Randy - DOT  
**Cc:** [carrie.templeton@wisconsin.gov](mailto:carrie.templeton@wisconsin.gov); Bob Seitz  
**Subject:** Order

Hi,

Based on the Court of Appeals' order, I anticipate that my building access and email access will be restored tomorrow. I plan on being in the office tomorrow. I also expect back pay for the time I was not permitted to be at work.



Thanks,

Ellen

## **Augustyn, Jessie**

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**From:** Gehl, Patrick  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 10:53 AM  
**To:** Zimmerman, Alec; Augustyn, Jessie  
**Subject:** Nowak Appointment

Executive Appointment: Nowak, Ellen

Confirmation Vote

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**Patrick Gehl**  
Research & Policy Aide  
Office of State Senator Scott Fitzgerald  
Senate Majority Leader  
(608) 266-5660

**Ottman, Tad**

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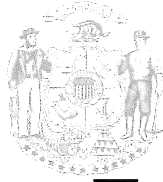
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Good morning,

I'm sure you've seen the letter removing the 82 appointments, but here it is in case you haven't.

Thanks.

*Jeff*



# Tony Evers

Office of the Governor | State of Wisconsin

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March 22, 2019

**By Hand Delivery**

Mr. Jeff Renk  
Senate Chief Clerk  
Wisconsin State Capitol

Dear Mr. Renk:

In light of yesterday's ruling in *League of Women et al., v. Knudson, et al.*, Dane County Case No. 19CV84, this letter is to remove the following appointments from consideration for confirmation by the Wisconsin Senate:

- Anderson, Renee E. of Milwaukee as a Public Member on the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority
- Armstrong, Shirley A. of Stone Lake as a Member of the Council on Domestic Abuse
- Bahr, Lisa of Oconomowoc as a Dental Hygienist Representative on the Dentistry Examining Board
- Beightol, Scott C. of Wales as a regent on the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System
- Berry, Dr. Shari of Tomah as a Physical Therapist on the Physical Therapy Examining Board
- Bistan, Dr. Matthew R. of Sheboygan as a Dentist on the Dentistry Examining Board
- Borst, Donald of Little Suamico as a Licensed Radiographer on the Radiography Examining Board
- Broeckert, Robert R. of Appleton as an Audiologist on the Hearing and Speech Examining Board
- Bryce, Dr. David Anthony of Middleton as a Doctor-Medicine on the Medical Examining Board
- Chwala, Thomas of Lake Mills as a Southern Area Representative on the Snowmobile Recreational Council

- Crane, Susan M. of Burlington as a General Business Representative on the State Fair Park Board
- Desmonde, Dr. Marcus P. of Colfax as a Psychologist on the Psychology Examining Board
- Dolatowski, Rosemary P. of Burlington as a Registered Nurse on the Board of Nursing
- Eernisse, Marc A. of Port Washington as a Funeral Director/Embalmer on the Funeral Directors Examining Board
- Enke, H. Bruce of Green Bay as a Brown County Representative on the Fox River Navigational System Authority
- Feldt, Jeffery of Kaukauna as an Outagamie County Representative on the Fox River Navigational System Authority
- Giesking, Jeffery of Menomonie as a Professional Member on the Podiatrists Affiliated Credentialing Board
- Gorsuch, Robert C. of Fitchburg as a Professional Member on the Banking Review Board
- Grathen, Patricia of La Crosse as a Professional Member on the Cemetery Board
- Grebe, Kelly H. of Mequon as a General Business Representative of the State Fair Park Board
- Greco, Lisa M. of Brookfield as a Credit Union Experienced Member on the Credit Union Review Board
- Hamberger, Dr. Kevin L. of Franklin as a Member of the Council on Domestic Abuse
- Hansen, Bryce L. of Prairie Farm as a Professional Member on the Auctioneer Board
- Hawkins, Charles of Marinette as a Nursing Home Administrator on the Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board
- Hutchison, David of Luxemburg as a Public Representative on the Educational Communications Board
- Johnsen, Jack J. of Oshkosh as an Athletic Trainer on the Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board
- Johnson, Barbara of De Pere as an Audiologist on the Hearing and Speech Examining Board
- Jones, Stanley D. of Clyman as a Professional Member on the Auctioneer Board
- Kalpic, Nela of Madison as a Member of the Council on Domestic Abuse
- Kaske, Dr. Herbert Michael of Twin Lakes as a Dentist Representative on the Dentistry Examining Board
- Klapperich, Steven of St. Cloud as a Hearing Instrument Specialist on the Hearing and Speech Examining Board
- Kneesel, Thomas of Pleasant Prairie as a Certified Appraiser on the Real Estate Appraisers Board

- Koger, Kristin of Rice Lake as a Professional Independent Social Worker on the Marriage and Family Therapy Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board
- Krier, Thomas J. of Allentown as a Hearing Instrument Specialist on the Hearing and Speech Examining Board
- Krueger, Elizabeth A. of Waukesha as a Government Representative on the Marriage and Family Therapy Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board
- LaDien, Franklin J. of Menomonee Falls as a Pharmacist on the Pharmacy Examining Board
- LaRowe, Dr. Tara of Madison as a Dietitian on the Dietitians Affiliated Credentialing Board
- Lau, Dr. Lee Ann R. of West Bend as a Doctor-Medicine on the Medical Examining Board
- Mankowski, Joel of Greenfield as a Member on the Sign Language Interpreters Council
- Marino, Richard J. of Plain as a Real Estate Sales/Broker on the Real Estate Examining Board
- Marshall, Tracy of Muskego as a Radiological Physicist on the Radiography Examining Board
- Maxwell, Georgia E. of Madison as Commissioner of the Labor and Industry Review Commission
- Mayo, Dale of Conover as a Northern Area Representative on the Snowmobile Recreational Council
- McNally, Vicky of Edgerton as a Cosmetologist on the Cosmetology Examining Board
- Michaelis, Marla of Jefferson as a Funeral Director/Embalmer on the Funeral Directors Examining Board
- Miller, Kathleen M. of Janesville as a Professional Counselor on the Marriage and Family Therapy Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board
- Myers, Dennis of Germantown as a Public Member-Surveyor Section on the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors
- Nowak, Ellen of Fitchburg as Commissioner of the Public Service Commission
- O'Brien, Laura of Oregon as an Occupational Therapist on the Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board
- Olson, Sarah of Readstown as a Physical Therapist Assistant on the Physical Therapy Examining Board
- Perry, Susan M. of Woodruff as a Member on the Council on Domestic Abuse
- Pietz, Dr. Wendy M. of Milwaukee as a Dentist on the Dentistry Examining Board

- Rank, Kim S. of Shiocton as a Cosmetologist and Aesthetician on the Cosmetology Examining Board
- Reinemann, John of Madison as a Public Member on the Cemetery Board
- Reinemann, John of Madison as a Public Member on the Accounting Examining Board
- Richie, Thomas J. of Rice Lake as a Real Estate Sales/Broker on the Real Estate Examining Board
- Scheidegger, Tammy H. of Oconomowoc as a Professional Counselor on the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board
- Schlichting, Dr. David K. of Greenfield as an Accountant on the Accounting Examining Board
- Schroedl, Bernard of Greenfield as a Professional Member on the Cemetery Board
- Schulz, Renee J. of Marshfield as a Member of the Council on Domestic Abuse
- Schulz, Dr. Robert C. of Appleton as an Optometrist on the Optometry Examining Board
- Seidenstricker, Paul of Wauwatosa as a Public Member on the UW Hospitals and Clinics Authority and Board
- Sheild, Dr. Peter of Oconomowoc as a Dentist Representative on the Dentistry Examining Board
- Short, Tim of Neenah as a Winnebago County Representative on the Fox River Navigational System Authority
- Sippel, Susan of Plover as a Member of the Council on Domestic Abuse
- Stanick, Pamela of Brookfield as a Public Member on the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority
- Sterling, Dr. John L. of Coon Valley as an Optometrist on the Optometry Examining Board
- Surprise, James of Wautoma as a Public Member on the Board on Aging and Long Term Care
- Taylor, Dr. Dale B. of Eau Claire as a Public Member on the Board on Aging and Long Term Care
- Taylor, Alena A. of New Richmond as a Member of the Council on Domestic Abuse
- Thomas, Mark M. of Mequon as a Member of the Council on Domestic Abuse
- Thompson, Dr. David of Burlington as a Psychologist on the Psychology Examining Board
- Tiedeman, Torrey G. of Madison as a Non-Traditional Student Representative on the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System
- Trapskin, Philip J. of Fitchburg as a Pharmacist on the Pharmacy Examining Board

- Vergamini, Gregory of Superior as an Athletic Trainer on the Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board
- Walsh, Roger E. of Milwaukee as an Inland Lakes Representative on the Wisconsin Waterways Commission
- Weitekamp, John of West Allis as a Pharmacist on the Pharmacy Examining Board
- Winters, Cathy of Wausau as a Pharmacist on the Pharmacy Examining Board
- Winters, Keene of Wausau as a Public Member on the Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators
- Zalewski, Dr. Kathryn R. of Wauwatosa as a Physical Therapist on the Physical Therapy Examining Board
- Zeuske, Cate of Green Bay as a Public Member on the Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators
- Zipperer, Scott T. of Manitowoc as a WTCS Student Representative on the Wisconsin Technical College System Board

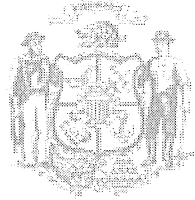
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tony Evers  
Governor  
State of Wisconsin



**From:** Gehl, Patrick  
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## SCOTT FITZGERALD

### SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

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#### **WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT**

**Tony Evers reappoints 67 of 82 Scott Walker appointees whose positions he rescinded last week – The Cap Times**  
Appointees Evers did not move to reinstate included Scott Beightol and Torrey Tiedeman, who were appointed to the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents; Ellen Nowak, who was appointed to the Public Service Commission; and Scott Zipperer, who was appointed to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board.

**Scott Walker appointee blocked from returning to work following court ruling – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**  
Ellen Nowak, Public Service Commission chairwoman who was appointed by former Gov. Scott Walker, was stopped by a building security guard and prevented from going to the commission's office in a state building in Madison. Nowak and her adviser Bob Seitz told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel they believed they could return to their jobs after a Wednesday Appeals Court ruling reinstated some of the laws previously blocked by a lower court ruling that declared unlawful a December legislative session during which Nowak was appointed to the commission.

#### **Security guard turns away Scott Walker appointee who tries to return to work after court stay – Wisconsin State Journal/Associated Press**

Republican lawmakers' attorney, Misha Tseytlin, said in an email to The Associated Press that the stay means the appointees are legally back on the job. Tseytlin sent a letter Thursday to Evers' attorneys suggesting that the governor is violating the stay by not allowing the appointees back to work. He wrote that the appeals court specifically noted in its stay that irreparable injury could result from not enforcing potentially valid appointments. He said that mention of the appointments makes it "clear beyond any doubt that the Court of Appeals intended these 'potentially valid appointments' to be put back in place."

#### **Lawmakers to introduce bill delaying closure of troubled Lincoln Hills youth prison by six months – Wisconsin State Journal**

When asked if Evers would support the bill, a spokeswoman suggested a move by Republicans to not recommend Evers' \$2.5 capital budget to the Legislature's finance committee could affect the process to close and replace the youth prison. "Unfortunately, Republicans are playing politics with the governor's capital budget, which includes critical facility investments that would allow us to move quickly on closing Lincoln Hills," Evers' spokeswoman Melissa Baldauff said. "There are serious consequences to Republicans' reckless, politically-driven decisions."

#### **Lawmakers introducing bill to delay closure of Lincoln Hills youth prison – Wisconsin State Journal**

A bipartisan group of lawmakers is planning to introduce a bill that would delay the closure of the embattled Lincoln Hills youth prison by six months to accommodate counties that need more time to build replacement facilities.

**Wisconsin Choice Schools Sue State Over Virtual Learning – Wisconsin Public Radio**

School Choice Wisconsin Action, an organization for private schools in the choice program, is suing Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction and state superintendent over what they say is discrimination against private schools. DPI told public schools they could count virtual instruction toward their required instructional hours, but told private schools they could not.

**Wisconsin Inmates Refuse Food To Protest Solitary Confinement – Wisconsin Public Radio**

Evers spokeswoman Melissa Baldauff said the governor is less than three months into a four-year term and is already making good on his commitment to reform the state's criminal justice system. "The governor is spending millions of dollars to address the prison population in his first budget -- the way we are doing it is by making sure fewer people are incarcerated in the first place," Baldauff said in a written statement.

**'She's not high drama': Colleagues describe Lisa Neubauer as dispassionate, nonpartisan – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Neubauer is campaigning in part on improving the reputation of the state Supreme Court. She said the court needs to set stronger rules on when judges and justices must drop out of cases for ethical reasons. And she wants the court to make its administrative meetings public, as it had up until 2017.

**Supreme Court Candidate Lisa Neubauer Stresses Judicial Experience, Downplays Democratic Ties – Wisconsin Public Journal**

While the race is officially nonpartisan, Hagedorn worked previously as former Gov. Scott Walker's chief legal counsel, and Neubauer's ties to the Democratic Party run deep. Her daughter, Greta Neubauer, is a Democratic state representative. Her husband, Jeff Neubauer, is a former lawmaker who once ran the state Democratic Party.

**'I'm a blue-collar kid': Brian Hagedorn charted a course to dream big and make a difference – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

"He was very calm. That was very helpful," Walker said. "While this was going on the last thing I needed ... was people flying off or being hysterical and Brian was very calm and everything he looked at was very objective. Things weren't going to shake him up. He wasn't easily rattled."

**STATEWIDE NEWS**

**Foxconn awards \$34 million in contracts for utility and road work at Mt. Pleasant project site – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Foxconn Technology Group on Thursday announced contracts totaling nearly \$34 million to five Wisconsin companies for utility and road work at the site of Foxconn's planned manufacturing complex here. Contracts for utility work are going to Giles Engineering Associates Inc., of Waukesha; Staff Electric Co. Inc., Menomonee Falls; and Hoffman Construction Co., Black River Falls. Contracts to build internal roadways at the Foxconn site are going to Giles and Hoffman, as well as to A.W. Oakes & Sons Inc., of Racine; and Payne & Dolan Inc., Waukesha.

**Foxconn awards \$34M in contracts; construction on campus to start immediately – Racine Journal Times**

"Foxconn is proud to announce these successful Wisconsin-based subcontractors who will help make the Gen6 facility a reality," stated Louis Woo, special assistant to Foxconn founder and Chairman Terry Gou.

**New York Times article puts spotlight on recovering Combined Locks paper mill, Fox Valley – Appleton Post Crescent**

A reopened paper mill in Combined Locks is receiving national attention after an article was posted on the New York Times website March 22, chronicling its comeback switching from white paper production to cardboard production. The New York Times article, which also ran on the front page of last Sunday's business section, talks in depth about the the former Appleton Coated mill, shut down in 2017.

**Communities around Wisconsin are expecting to see more visitors during next year's DNC – Sheboygan Press**

The DNC has already inquired about 700 hotel rooms in Sheboygan County, said Amy Wilson, president and CEO of Visit Sheboygan. That's about 37 percent of the area's total inventory, she said. Visit Sheboygan expects the convention to have an economic impact on the area of about \$1.4 million.

**Powerball winner in Wisconsin: Ticket for \$768.4M jackpot sold in New Berlin – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

A Powerball ticket sold in New Berlin won the third-largest lottery prize in U.S. history on Wednesday night. The lucky numbers for the \$768.4 million jackpot were 16, 20, 37, 44, 62 and Powerball 12. The top prize surged from an estimated \$750 million due to strong ticket sales. The lump sum payout is \$477 million.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Wells Fargo CEO Tim Sloan to step down immediately – The Washington Post**

Sloan, a 31-year veteran of the company, has spent years apologizing for the bank's bad behavior and attempting to rebuild its reputation with customers, regulators and lawmakers. He told the House Financial Services Committee recently that the bank had revamped its board, significantly increased its charitable giving and no longer emphasizes sales goals that were blamed for many of the company's problem. But did little to quiet criticism of the bank.

**Demands for Adam Schiff's Head Highlight Chasm That Only Widened With Mueller's Conclusion – The New York Times**

The House Intelligence Committee's first hearing since Robert S. Mueller III completed his report had barely begun when the panel's Republicans moved en masse to demand the resignation of the committee's chairman. It went downhill from there.

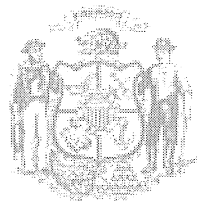
**Senators blast DeVos for 'shameful' plan to cut Special Olympics funding – Politico**

GOP Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.), the subcommittee's chairman, said on Wednesday the subcommittee wouldn't cut Special Olympics funding and added in his prepared remarks that Special Olympics funding has "directly impacted the lives of thousands of students both with and without intellectual disabilities. It also provides a model for other schools and districts to support this kind of work without direct federal funding."

**Mayor Rahm Emanuel says city will try to recoup costs from Jussie Smollett, calls on President Trump to 'sit this one out' – Chicago Tribune**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel says he will try to get "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett to pay Chicago back for the costs of the investigation into his claim that he was the victim of a hate crime attack, saying paying the money would be an implicit admission he was guilty of a hoax.

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#### **WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT**

##### **Lame-duck lawsuit: Republicans ask court to make sure 15 Scott Walker appointees are back in their positions – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

The attorney, Misha Tseytlin, argued to the court that Democratic Gov. Tony Evers was “violating a court order while claiming the right to be able to evade appellate review over a decision of great public importance.”

**GOP lawmakers ask court to require Tony Evers to re-install Scott Walker appointees – Wisconsin State Journal**  
Accusing Gov. Tony Evers of acting illegally, GOP lawmakers asked a state appeals court Monday to require Evers to re-install 15 appointees of former Gov. Scott Walker whose appointments were vacated by a judge's order earlier this month. That includes Public Service Commissioner Ellen Nowak, a Walker appointee who was blocked at the door from returning to work at the commission last week. Evers' office quickly responded that his actions were “lawful and valid” and charged Republicans with creating a political stunt.

**GOP Lawmakers Ask Court To Intervene In Walker Appointee Dispute – Wisconsin Public Radio**  
Republican state lawmakers are asking a state appellate court to force Gov. Tony Evers to recognize 15 appointments to state boards and commissions made by former Gov. Scott Walker. Lawmakers on Monday issued a formal request for the District III Court of Appeals in Wausau to enforce a stay, issued last week, in an ongoing case over December's lame-duck session of the state Legislature.

**GOP asks court to let lame-duck appointees return to work – Associated Press**  
Republican legislators filed a motion Monday with the 3rd District contending that the stay means all 82 appointees are back in their jobs. They asked the court force him to comply with the stay. The motion didn't say how.

##### **Wisconsin would face \$2 billion shortfall at the start of the next budget under Gov. Tony Evers' plan – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Democratic Gov. Tony Evers' spending plan would leave the state with a nearly \$2 billion gap at the start of the next budget cycle in two years, according to a report Monday by the Legislature's nonpartisan budget office. The gap, known as the structural deficit, would be the largest since former Gov. Jim Doyle approved his last budget a decade ago amid the fallout from the Great Recession.

##### **Analysis projects \$2 billion shortfall in 2021-23 under Tony Evers budget plan – Wisconsin State Journal**

The state would fall short by about \$2 billion in the 2021-23 cycle if lawmakers approved Gov. Tony Evers budget in full, according to a new analysis by the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau. The projected shortfall, which accounts for both the tax increases and additional spending proposed under Evers plan, would be the highest since the one for the 2011-13 budget cycle, which was conducted two years prior under former Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle.

#### **Evers could face \$1.9b shortfall heading into second budget – Associated Press**

The Legislative Fiscal Bureau released an analysis Monday that shows the state would face a \$1.9 billion imbalance in the general fund heading into the 2021-23 fiscal year if the state maintains all the spending commitments in current law, such as honoring tax credits for Foxconn Technology Group, and in Evers' 2019-21 budget, including funding two-thirds of K-12 education costs and state employee raises.

#### **Lawmaker at center of lawsuit alleging he denied a female employee a promotion after she reported harassment – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Rep. Treig Pronschinske, R-Mondovi, is at the center of the lawsuit that was settled by Mondovi city officials last week for \$325,000, which will be paid by the city's insurer. In the lawsuit, a former Mondovi police officer alleges Pronschinske sought a personal relationship with her after he was elected mayor in 2014 and later retaliated against her after she reported his actions to the Mondovi police chief. But Pronschinske denies all of the allegations put forth in the lawsuit, and said a similar complaint filed against him in the state Department of Workforce Development's Equal Rights Division was dismissed.

#### **Female cop accused Mondovi lawmaker, while mayor, of blocking her promotion after she rejected his advances – Wisconsin State Journal**

The office of Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, issued a statement saying "every allegation of sexual harassment is taken seriously in the Assembly" — while adding "no wrongdoing was ever found" on the part of Pronschinske.

#### **Mondovi settles sex discrimination suit involving former mayor Treig Pronschinske – La Crosse Tribune**

Pronschinske was elected mayor in April 2014 and within days he began seeking out her while she was on or off duty. Pronschinske wanted to talk to Bertrang about non-police related business. He told her many times that his wife and daughter were out of town so he was home alone. Pronschinske also drove by Bertrang's home several times a day and followed her while she was on patrol, stopping her to talk and telling her he was worried about her patrolling alone.

#### **Gov. Tony Evers proposes better pay, more crime lab employees in state budget – Wausau Daily Herald**

The governor's proposed budget calls for nearly \$1.9 million to establish a new pay progression system for crime lab employees, according to the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Evers called it a "financial waste" for the state to spend money training employees to have them leave a few years later for higher-paying positions elsewhere. Evers and Kaul also want to hire 17 new employees among the state's three labs at a cost of just above \$1.8 million over the next two years, according to the Justice Department.

#### **Wisconsin Officials Gear Up For Spring Election – Wisconsin Public Radio**

Wisconsin Elections Commission spokesman Reid Magney said he expects turnout will be lower than a U.S. presidential election. "A spring election is typically about 20 to 25 percent of the voting age population," he said. "But what matters is what's on the ballot, and in this case, we do have a contested Supreme Court race."

### **STATEWIDE NEWS**

#### **Federal investigation into sex trafficking, torture involves co-owner of Milwaukee strip club – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

The co-owner of a downtown Milwaukee strip club is a key figure in a federal investigation into sex trafficking, money laundering and torture involving a club he owned in Dodge County, newly released court documents show. Radomir Buzdum was the owner of TNT Gentleman's Club in Lebanon, which he said has closed and is for sale. He co-owns Silk Exotic strip clubs on Old World Third Street and in Middleton. Silk is trying to open a second downtown Milwaukee location, "Silk on Water," at 144 E. Juneau Ave.

#### **Opioid Crisis Affecting Wisconsin Companies, State Business Group Says – Wisconsin Public Radio**

Like many employers around the country, Wisconsin's largest business group is taking notice. Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce will focus on substance abuse, particularly opioids, at an April 14 to April 17 annual conference of the Wisconsin Safety Council, one of WMC's programs. "A recent survey from the National Safety Council showed that 75 percent of employers have been impacted by the opioid crisis," WMC spokesman Nick Novak said.

**Global changes force recycling programs to police loads, weed out 'dirty' trash – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Today, Wisconsin cities and private recyclers are having to pay more to get their recyclables sorted to meet the higher standards. They are earning less for the scrap that ultimately makes it through to buyers. And they are sending more to landfills than they expected. "The recycling picture has changed," said Jennifer Semrau, who oversees recycling for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. "Our buyers can afford to be more selective today."

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Federal Judge Sends Oil Spill Response Plans Back To Pipeline Agency – Wisconsin Public Radio**

A federal judge is asking the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to take another look at oil spill response plans the agency approved for Enbridge's Line 5 that runs under the Straits of Mackinac. The agency had approved plans submitted by the Canadian energy firm for Line 5, which carries up to 540,000 barrels per day of liquified natural gas and crude oil through its dual pipelines from Superior to Sarnia, Ontario.

**White House whistleblower says 25 security clearance denials were reversed during Trump administration – Washington Post**

Tricia Newbold, a longtime White House security adviser, told the House Oversight and Reform Committee that she and her colleagues issued "dozens" of denials for security clearance applications that were later approved despite their concerns about blackmail, foreign influence or other red flags, according to panel documents released Monday. Newbold, an 18-year veteran of the security clearance process who has served under both Republican and Democratic presidents, said she warned her superiors that clearances "were not always adjudicated in the best interest of national security" — and was retaliated against for doing so.

**Second woman accuses Biden of inappropriate touching – Politico**

Amy Lappos, 43, told the Hartford Courant on Monday that Biden pulled her close to him to rub noses while she was working at a fundraiser for U.S. Rep. Jim Himes (D-Conn.). "It wasn't sexual, but he did grab me by the head," Lappos said. "He put his hand around my neck and pulled me in to rub noses with me. When he was pulling me in, I thought he was going to kiss me on the mouth."

## Augustyn, Jessie

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**From:** Augustyn, Jessie  
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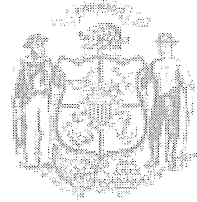
I've shared a google sheet with you that has the appointees email addresses. This letter should go to all 82.

We can then share the letter with the media with a note highlighting that this letter was for ALL appointees, including those on the PSC and Board of Regents.

**Romportl, Dan**

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#### **WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT**

##### **Appeals court sides with Gov. Tony Evers' appointments as Senate leader puts off confirming his cabinet – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

An appeals court Tuesday declined to reinstate 15 appointees of former Gov. Scott Walker, handing a victory to Gov. Tony Evers amid an escalating fight over attempts to limit the powers of the Democratic governor. The unanimous decision came just hours after the leader of the state Senate said he was holding off on confirming Evers' cabinet because of the dispute over the Walker appointees.

##### **Appeals Court, siding with Tony Evers, allows Walker appointments to remain vacant – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Fitzgerald in a statement issued shortly after the ruling said the Senate would immediately appeal the decision to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Evers said he doesn't view Fitzgerald's remarks as retribution, dismissing them as "huffing and puffing." He added the latest development in the ongoing legal saga won't sway him in making appointments to the positions.

##### **The Latest: Court says Evers had power to void appointments – Associated Press**

A Wisconsin appeals court has ruled Democratic Gov. Tony Evers had the authority to withdraw appointments that had been approved during a lame-duck legislative session. The state's 3rd District Court of Appeals on Tuesday said his action was not invalidated by a later court ruling that put on hold a decision that allowed him to rescind the appointments.

##### **Republicans not acting on Evers' appointments amid lawsuit – Associated Press**

Republicans were particularly angry with Nowak being denied entrance to the PSC building, he said. She is former secretary of the Department of Administration and well-known to Republican lawmakers, many of whom are personal friends with her, Fitzgerald said. He said that Nowak was given the "bum's rush." "I can't wait to see the governor and tell him that," he said.

##### **Estimate: Property taxes would see inflation-level increases under Tony Evers' budget – Wisconsin State Journal**

The new estimate from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau projects Evers' budget plan would cause the estimated net tax bill on a median-valued home to increase 2% for 2019-20 fiscal year, the first year of the upcoming budget cycle, and by 1.6% in 2020-21. Such increases would roughly match the rate of inflation. That would be an uptick from the last two years, in which those bills increased by 1.1% during the 2017-18 fiscal year and is estimated to have decreased by 0.2% in 2018-19. But it would be less of an increase that taxpayers would see under current law. Property owners would pay \$16 less in



the first year and \$13 less in the second, relative to what they would pay if no new budget is enacted -- in which case, current spending levels would automatically continue into the next cycle.

**In divided Wisconsin, the governor and legislative leaders are barely talking – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Fitzgerald said lawsuits challenging the laws Republican legislators passed to limit Evers' power are hampering progress. "I think we're still trying to figure out who to talk to, how to talk to them, and when to talk to them," Fitzgerald said in a statement. "With the lawsuits and the distractions that have been brought to the process, it's been difficult to generate any type of relationship with the governor's office."

**Wisconsin's Legislature is meeting, but it's not passing much legislation – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

"Is this the new normal? I hope it's not because it feels like we're a do-nothing Legislature with the majority leader putting together a pretty tepid floor calendar," Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling of La Crosse said, referring to Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald of Juneau.

**Wisconsin is out of all Obamacare lawsuits after federal court rules in last case – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

"People in Wisconsin believe in the protections guaranteed by the Affordable Care Act," Evers said in a statement. "That's why I promised to stop spending Wisconsin taxpayer dollars on a lawsuit that would kick thousands of Wisconsinites off their healthcare and put the 2.4 million Wisconsinites who have a pre-existing condition at risk."

**Wisconsin completely out of federal health care lawsuit – Associated Press**

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday granted the request from Democratic Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul to withdraw from the case. A federal judge in Texas last week removed Wisconsin from the underlying case. However, until the appeals court acted Wisconsin was not fully withdrawn.

**Senate passes bill to drop 'mental retardation' term – Associated Press**

The Wisconsin Senate has passed a bill that would remove the term "mental retardation" from five state agencies' administrative codes, even though Democratic Gov. Tony Evers ordered the deletion weeks ago. The bill approved by the Senate on a voice vote Tuesday calls for replacing the term and derivatives with "intellectual disability" in regulations governing the agencies.

**Gov. Tony Evers wants prescription drug companies and other entities to disclose information on prices – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

One of the two proposals in his budget to help control the price of prescription drugs would require manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers who manage prescription drug benefits for health plans, health insurers and hospitals to give the state information on what they pay for prescription drugs. "The governor's plan is intending to bring transparency and accountability to a system that's really right now a black box," said Mark Afable, the state's insurance commissioner, whose office would oversee the proposed initiative.

**Oneida Chairman Calls For Removal Of Indian School Mascots, Increasing Environmental Protections – Wisconsin Public Radio**

The chairman of the Oneida Nation is calling on Wisconsin lawmakers to eliminate remaining American Indian high school mascots, protect the environment and aggressively fight chronic wasting disease. Tehassi Hill spoke Tuesday during the annual State of the Tribes address before the Legislature and Gov. Tony Evers.

**Support for parts of Evers' education budget struggles in poll, conservative group says – The Cap Times**

The Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty's poll, conducted statewide by the research firm Dynata, found that just under 60 percent of registered voters surveyed support Evers' proposal to increase spending on public schools by \$1.4 billion, according to results released Wednesday. However, the group said support dipped once additional information on current spending levels and other information about the budget was included.

**'Forever chemicals' will get greater scrutiny in Wisconsin waterways this year – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

The Department of Natural Resources is increasing surveillance this year in state waterways for so-called "forever chemicals" that are known to pose health hazards to humans. The aim of this summer's efforts is to learn more about the extent of perfluorinated chemicals, which are under growing scrutiny nationally, by taking fish and water samples at strategic locations around the state

**GOP skeptical about Evers' lead pipe replacement plan – Associated Press**

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Rep. John Nygren, co-chairman of the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee, told reporters during a question-and-answer session Tuesday that they're concerned most of the borrowing would go toward replacing pipes in Milwaukee. Nygren said he supports more localized efforts rather than have taxpayers in his hometown of Marinette footing the bill for improvements in Milwaukee.

#### **Wisconsin Senate takes no action on deer carcass removal – Associated Press**

The Wisconsin Senate is not taking action on a bill that would have allowed hunters to remove deer carcasses from counties infected with chronic wasting disease. The bill was on the Senate's agenda Tuesday, but no vote was taken.

### **STATEWIDE NEWS**

#### **Bice: Milwaukee County Register of Deeds John La Fave is stepping down while under FBI investigation – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Milwaukee County Register of Deeds John La Fave, whose agency is under federal investigation, announced Tuesday that he is stepping down from his county post. La Fave, 69, said his retirement will take effect Friday. "It has always been my intention to retire before my 70th birthday," the embattled Democratic politician said in a statement. "And as that date approaches, I feel a great deal of satisfaction that our goals for the improvement in the Register of Deeds department have been accomplished."

#### **UW Varsity Band's spring concert is director Mike Leckrone's final curtain – Wisconsin State Journal**

"This is the thought that everyone seems to be bringing to me now is, what's going to happen next?" he said. "Where is the band going to go? What I want to do is assure people that there is a tradition. There are certain things the band has done over the years that I don't see evaporating. There will be changes, yes, but there's not going to be a complete change in the traditions."

#### **More than 14 months out, 2020 DNC eyeing Milwaukee County Zoo, parks and buses – Milwaukee Journal**

Milwaukee County is putting its parks, its zoo and a block of its buses on hold for the 2020 Democratic National Convention. County officials and the local convention organizing committee signed three agreements last month giving the host committee the right to reserve many of the crown jewels of Milwaukee County's park system, plus buses, from July 9-16, 2020.

#### **Traces of two PFAS compounds found in four additional Madison wells – Wisconsin State Journal**

Trace levels of two toxic compounds were found in four more municipal wells, the Madison Water Utility said Tuesday. The water utility tested for 10 of the thousands of synthetic PFAS compounds that exist, but in a statement focused on the only two PFAS varieties that are covered by a federal health advisory.

#### **Columbia County DA's office mysteriously closed; DA unavailable – Portage Daily Register**

On Monday morning, a sign affixed to the DA's office public window on the first floor of the Columbia County Courthouse stated: "Office temporarily closed — no staff available. Please check back this afternoon — sorry for the inconvenience." At about 2 p.m. Monday, Assistant District Attorney Jordan Lippert told the Columbia County Sheriff's Office officers who operate the security system at the courthouse's entrance that pretrial conferences have been canceled.

### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### **Wisconsin Republican Ron Johnson says inaction by Congress much bigger problem than purge at homeland security agency – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Republican Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin voiced concerns Tuesday about a leadership void at the Department of Homeland Security amidst a Trump Administration purge at the agency. But he called inaction by Congress a much bigger problem than uncertainty at the top of that key federal agency.

#### **Mnuchin reveals White House lawyers consulted Treasury on Trump tax returns, despite law meant to limit political involvement – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Treasury Department lawyers consulted with the White House general counsel's office about the potential release of President Trump's tax returns before House Democrats formally requested the records, Treasury Secretary Steven

Mnuchin said Tuesday. Mnuchin had not previously revealed that the White House was playing any official role in the Treasury Department's decision on releasing Trump's tax returns.

**Barr: Mueller turned down offer to review Russia probe findings – Politico**

Attorney General William Barr rebuffed Democrats' demands that he turn over special counsel Robert Mueller's full report and all of its underlying evidence to Congress, telling lawmakers on Tuesday that he'll release a redacted version of the report "within a week."

**Trump admin wants to make asylum harder by putting border agents in charge – NBC News**

Several of Trump's top advisers have for months pushed outgoing Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen to make such changes to the asylum process, officials said. Trump's senior adviser Stephen Miller in particular has argued that Customs and Border Protection agents will be tougher on asylum-seekers and will pass fewer of them on the initial screening, known as a credible fear interview, the sources said.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party and rival appear locked in race too close to call in Israeli election – NBC News**

Israeli exit polls indicate Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party and the rival Blue and White party are locked in a race that is too close to call. The Blue and White party, headed by former military chief Benny Gantz, has a narrow lead over the Likud, Channel 12 and Kan TV said. Channel 10 TV showed the two parties in a tie in Tuesday's vote.

**Liedl, Kimber**

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**From:** Renk, Jeff  
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Hello,

Attached is a list of the 12 appointments that the Governor has not tried to resubmit of the original 82.

*Jeff*

- 82 Appointments were originally included in Governor's March 22<sup>nd</sup> letter attempting to withdraw
  - 70 of these have since been received attempting to resubmit
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## 12 Remaining Appointments:

### **Beightol, Scott**

of Wales, as a Congressional District 1 Representative on the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2023.

### **Bryce, Dr. David**

of Middleton, as a Doctor-Medicine on the Medical Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

### **Gorsuch, Robert**

of Fitchburg, as a Professional Member on the Banking Review Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2023.

### **Koger, Kristin**

of Rice Lake, as a Professional Independent Social Worker on the Marriage and Family Therapy Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2022.

### **LaDien, Franklin**

of Menomonee Falls, as a Pharmacist on the Pharmacy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

### **Maxwell, Georgia**

of Madison, as a Commissioner on the Labor and Industry Review Commission, to serve for the term ending March 1, 2019.

### **Nowak, Ellen**

of Fitchburg, as Commissioner of the Public Service Commission, to serve for the term effective December 28, 2018 ending March 1, 2023.

### **Olson, Sarah**

of Readstown, as a Physical Therapist Assistant on the Physical Therapy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2021.

### **Thomas, Mark**

of Mequon, as a Domestic Abuse Knowledge Representative on the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2019.

### **Tiedeman, Torrey**

of Madison, as a Non-Traditional Student Representative on the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2020.

### **Winters, Keene**

of Wausau, as a Public Member on the Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2020.

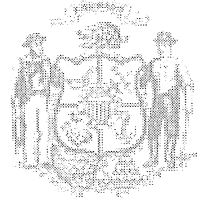
### **Zipperer, Scott**

of Manitowoc, as a WTCS Student Representative on the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2019.

**Romportl, Dan**

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### **WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT**

#### **Down a member, Wisconsin regulators approve state's first utility-scale solar farms – Wisconsin State Journal**

Saying the appeals court decision "will ensure this chaos will continue for months longer," Republican lawmakers on Wednesday asked the state Supreme Court to reinstate the appointees. The court gave Evers until Monday to respond. Huebsch said he was "disappointed and concerned" that litigation has "clouded the work of this commission" but vowed to continue working with Valcq. Valcq said allegations that the litigation has hindered the Commission's ability to work were "patently false." "Two commissioners constitute a quorum," she said. "Commissioner Huebsch and I continue to work along with our PSC colleagues."

#### **PSC approves \$31 million natural gas pipeline to serve Foxconn plant – Wisconsin Journal Sentinel**

The commission voted 2-0 without discussion to allow We Energies to build about 9 miles of gas pipeline and other infrastructure the utility said is needed to meet future demand in Racine and Kenosha counties. While Foxconn is the only customer We Energies has identified, the Taiwanese manufacturer will not be required to share the cost because the line is considered a backup and would potentially support other future development.

#### **Evers 'happy that there is more consistency' from Foxconn – Wisconsin Public Radio**

Gov. Tony Evers said Wednesday night that he was pleased to see "more consistency" in communication from Foxconn Technology Group regarding its development in Mount Pleasant. "I'm happy that there is more consistency," he said. "As I told them, we can't have every two weeks an issue in the newspaper and then we have to spend another two weeks explaining. That isn't good for anyone. The people in this part of the state have made some significant investments."

#### **Wisconsin National Guard tracks 52 sexual assault complaints – Associated Press**

The Wisconsin National Guard received 52 reports of sexual assault between 2013 and 2017, with more than half related to military service, Guard officials said during a roundtable with reporters Thursday.

#### **Gov. Tony Evers creates committee to celebrate 100th anniversary of Wisconsin ratifying 19th Amendment – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Gov. Tony Evers on Thursday announced plans to celebrate the state's historic role in women's suffrage. "Now more than ever, it's important that we celebrate and elevate women and their contributions to our communities and our state while also acknowledging the important work we still have yet to do for equity, equality, and the inclusion of women across our state," Evers said in a statement.

**Wisconsin To Commemorate Women's Right To Vote Anniversary – Associated Press/Wisconsin Public Radio**  
Gov. Tony Evers on Thursday signed an executive order creating a committee to celebrate the anniversary of Wisconsin ratifying the amendment. His wife, Kathy Evers, will chair the bipartisan all-female committee which includes Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Pat Roggensack, former lieutenant governors Barb Lawton and Rebecca Kleefisch and eight state lawmakers.

**DNR asks that more chemicals be evaluated for safe levels in groundwater – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**  
The Department of Natural Resources is asking a state health agency to study the potential impacts of a group of unregulated contaminants as a prelude to setting safe limits in groundwater. The agency on Wednesday asked the Department of Health Services to review 40 chemical compounds to recommend levels that would protect human health. The request is the latest effort by the state to evaluate, and eventually regulate, a spate of compounds that are coming under growing attention in Wisconsin and nationally.

**CWD-Positive Deer Nearly Double As State Increases Sampling In 2018 – Wisconsin Public Radio**  
The state Department of Natural Resources announced this week more than 17,200 deer were sampled for CWD in 2018, of which 1,060 deer tested positive. In 2017, there were 597 deer that came up positive for CWD out of 9,841 deer sampled. Sampling data shows the CWD prevalence rate remains around 6 percent compared to 7 percent in 2016 and 9 percent in 2015 when fewer deer were sampled.

**The Bucks' plan to turn the Milwaukee River green gets an OK from the Department of Natural Resources – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**  
Hoye said that the Bucks sent a sample of the dye for testing for potential toxicity to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene in Madison. The DNR concluded that tests on a type of minnow and waterflea showed the dye would not harm aquatic life, or the public, with a one-time application, a DNR letter to the City of Milwaukee shows. The letter indicated that the city was representing the Bucks.

**Evers refuses to say if he voted for Sanders or Clinton – Associated Press**  
Wisconsin Democratic Gov. Tony Evers is refusing to say who he voted for the 2016 Democratic presidential primary. Evers on Thursday says “they call that a secret ballot, so I won’t respond to that” when asked who he voted for. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders carried Wisconsin by 13 points over Hillary Clinton.

**Tony Evers grew up in Plymouth, biked Highway 67 and hung out at Dino's pizza – Sheboygan Press Gazette**  
"I was a marginal athlete, at best."

## **STATEWIDE NEWS**

**Foxconn to make announcement on acquisition of Downtown Madison property – Wisconsin State Journal**  
Foxconn Technology Group will announce Friday the acquisition of a property in Downtown Madison to join the company's statewide network of innovation centers. A limited liability company named FE One West Main Madison registered with the state Department of Financial Institutions on Feb. 14 using Foxconn’s Milwaukee headquarters address. Alan Hung is listed as the registered agent.

**Michael Bonds, former MPS board president, accused of taking bribes from charter school execs – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**  
Michael Bonds, former president of the Milwaukee Public Schools board of directors, was indicted in federal court in Philadelphia on Thursday in an alleged bribery scheme involving a company that operated several charter schools, including three in Milwaukee.

**500-Bed Immigrant Detention Center Proposed In St. Croix County – Wisconsin Public Radio**  
A private company is proposing a 500-bed immigrant detention facility in the city of New Richmond in St. Croix County. Public reaction to the plan has been swift and city officials have been overwhelmed by questions. Immigration Centers of America submitted a rezoning request with the city’s planning commission on April 5 in order to build a 500-bed immigrant detention facility for adults. The company seeks an amendment to classify a residential parcel into a "Z-8 Special Use District."

**Mercury Marine names Chris Drees president, Pfeifer moves to Oshkosh Corporation – Fond Du Lac Reporter**  
Chris Drees, formerly president of marine parts and accessories, has succeeded John Pfeifer as president of the business. Pfeifer is leaving Mercury Marine for a job as executive vice president and chief operating officer at Oshkosh Corporation, according to the corporation.

**Green Bay Police's Pyro continues to improve after Sunday's stabbing – Green Bay Press Gazette**  
According to a police department news release, Pyro is "becoming more active and is more engaging with his handler and staff at the hospital." Pyro's handler, officer Scott Salzmann, and his family have been working with the dog during his recuperation.

**A Marine veteran rescued a puppy and tweeted about it. The internet blew up and donations poured in. – Wausau Daily Herald**

Tegan Griffith noticed something odd in the ditch as she drove along a gravel road on her way to work in Rhinelander on Tuesday morning. She slammed on the brakes and saw a little beagle-looking puppy, all paws and ears. At first the pup tried to run away from her. But Griffith, 34, lured the pooch into her vehicle. He was adorable.

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

**Dodge County DA takes charge in Columbia County – Beaver Dam Daily Citizen**

Dodge County District Attorney Kurt Klomberg will serve as special prosecutor in charge of the Columbia County district attorney's office until Gov. Tony Evers can appoint a successor to District Attorney Tristan Eagon, who resigned Tuesday.

**UW Band seamstress from Beaver Dam sews final costume for director Mike Leckrone – Wisconsin State Journal**

The final spring concert series of University of Wisconsin-Madison band director Mike Leckrone's 50-year career begins Thursday night. Other than Leckrone himself, no one may be more aware of how many minutes are left before the curtain rises than Lois Levenhagen of Beaver Dam. Levenhagen is the band's talented seamstress — the woman behind Leckrone's elaborate costumes for the past 27 years — and she was still busy hand-crafting this year's suit the day before the first of three shows.

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

**Tammy Baldwin reintroduces legislation to clamp down on drugs sent through mail from foreign countries – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

The Search Now, Inspect for Fentanyl (SNIFF) Act would give U.S. postal workers at five U.S. International Service Centers the ability "to search mail from foreign countries destined for the U.S. when there is probable cause to believe they contain illicit opioids such as fentanyl or other illegal drugs."

**Four Senate Republicans signal opposition to Trump's plan to put Herman Cain on Federal Reserve Board, all but sinking nomination – The Washington Post**

Sens. Mitt Romney (R-Utah), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) and Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.) all said they would oppose Cain's appointment to the Fed. Republicans control 53 seats of the 100-chamber Senate, and losing the support of four members means Cain would need help from Democrats, which appears unlikely.

**Greg Craig, former Obama White House counsel, charged with lying to Justice Department – NBC News**

Craig, 74, who was charged with concealing material information from the Foreign Agents Registration Act Unit and making false statements, failed to disclose work he performed for Ukraine because he believed it would prevent him from future roles within the federal government, according to the indictment, which stemmed from special counsel Robert Mueller's probe

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**



**WikiLeaks' Assange arrested in London, accused by U.S. of conspiring in 2010 computer hacking attempt – The Washington Post**

British authorities arrested WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange on Thursday in response to an American extradition request, and a U.S. federal court unsealed an indictment charging him with a single count of conspiracy to hack a classified Defense Department computer. Assange was taken into custody by British police after Ecuador rescinded his asylum at its embassy in London, ending a media-saturated standoff that lasted nearly seven years.

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#### **District News**

##### **Recount Results In No Change For Beaver Dam Aldermanic Race –Daily Dodge**

*There was no change in the outcome after a recount Wednesday for an aldermanic race in Beaver Dam. Incumbent Ward Five Alderman Mick Fischer received three more votes than challenger Betsy Ramsdale; the initial tally was 90 votes-to-87. The city of Beaver Dam Canvass Board held the recount at City Hall and certified the results as unchanged from the initial count.*

##### **Dodge County Strip Club Owner Investigated For Sex Trafficking –Daily Dodge**

*A former owner of a Dodge County strip club is apparently being targeted in a federal investigation into suspected sex trafficking. Radomir Buzdum was the owner of TNT Gentlemen's Club in Lebanon before the business closed its doors. The establishment had changed its name to Wilde Rose after it was referenced in a federal complaint last year that that alleges sex trafficking had occurred inside. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports that newly-released court documents show that Buzdum reportedly paid dancers at the club to have sex with him.*

##### **Waupun Financial Audit Findings Positive-Daily Dodge**

*The city of Waupun received some positive news at Tuesday night's Common Council meeting from their annual financial audit. Senior Manager at Baker Tilly Andrea Jansen shared the financial highlights from her report on the recently-concluded 2018 audit. Jansen says they issued Waupun an "unmodified opinion" which is the highest level of assurance an entity can get. She says the city was in-line with their planned use of their fund balance which was estimated at roughly \$560,000. Waupun came in at \$499,000. Jensen did note there were some changes in expenditures. She says the General Government expenditures increased \$138,000 related to FEMA costs but that was offset by re-categorizing the financial statements for building,*

##### **88 percent of pledges for Beaver Dam community center collected –Daily Citizen**

*Most of the money donated to the Watermark in Beaver Dam is accounted for with about 88 percent of the money pledged already collected. According to a report from the city's finance department, the Watermark received 236 donations pledges totaling \$1.14 million to the community center on Center Street. Of that amount., \$1.01 million has been paid, according to the report, with \$137,200 in donations still outstanding.*

**Juneau residents push to quash sidewalk project-Daily Citizen**

Residents in a Juneau neighborhood continue to stand in opposition to a sidewalk project. Juneau officials have approved a roughly \$500,000 road project to completely redo Downie Drive and Leonard Avenue, including adding sidewalks with a special assessment for homeowners, and other major work. The streets have no outlet and end in a cul-de-sac.

**Board invests \$2,500 in Skunk Island habitat plan –Daily Citizen**

Beaver Dam Lake Development Corporation Tuesday approved putting \$2,500 toward starting environmental projects on the island to restore and enhance the habitat there. The plan includes planting native plants on the island, which is in Beaver Dam Lake off the shore near Edgewater Park, and attracting fish with new woody structures. The board has made an offer to the city of Beaver Dam to sell the island for \$1. The city would have stronger immunity than the corporation if someone were to get injured on the island and take legal action. The corporation, which received about \$8,000 from the city each year in taxpayer money, currently pays about \$1,200 for liability insurance that is weaker than the city's immunity under state law.

**Mary Arnold steps down from Columbus School Board –Columbus Journal**

After nine years, Mary Arnold is leaving her post on Columbus' school board. Arnold, who was elected in 2010, chose not to run for reelection this spring. Arnold will be replaced by Keith Loppnow, who begins his three-year term April 22. Columbus School Board honored Arnold with a reception prior to the April 8 board meeting. Arnold said quite a bit has changed in public education in the past nine years.

**Columbus parents push for resignations, others come to administration's defense –Columbus Journal**

In a packed city hall chambers, few parents expressed their grievances, mostly with Superintendent Annette Deuman and Board President Cindy Damm. While the parents believe Columbus schools are "failing on many levels," most of the concerns that critics said stem from lack of adequate facilities, insufficient communication with parents on incidents at the schools, poor curriculum and instruction practices, and the rise of staff resignations since 2016. In recent weeks, parents have circulated an online petition calling for the resignation of Deuman and Damm, along with repeal of police governance, Columbus' governing model. Before the public comment portion on Monday, Damm reminded speakers to avoid personal attacks and statements on specific staff members' job performance.

**Dodge County DA takes charge in Columbia County-Portage Daily Register**

Dodge County District Attorney Kurt Klomberg will serve as special prosecutor in charge of the Columbia County district attorney's office until Gov. Tony Evers can appoint a successor to District Attorney Tristan Eagon, who resigned Tuesday. Evers is seeking applicants to fill the post until the term expires in January 2021. The release, issued under the letterhead of the Columbia County District Attorney's Office, quotes Klomberg as saying, "I am honored to assist my neighboring county by guiding their office through this transition."

**Columbia County officials baffled at Eagon's allegations –Portage Daily Register**

Columbia County supervisors reacted with stunned disbelief Wednesday to allegations from former District Attorney Tristan Eagon that county officials used "strong-arm" tactics with her and deliberately sought to keep her office understaffed. Eagon made those accusations in a letter Tuesday announcing her resignation. She had been appointed to the job Dec. 5 by then-Gov. Scott Walker, after Jane Kohlwey had announced last August that she would step down at the end of the year. Eagon took office Jan. 12. County Board First Vice Chairman Dan Drew of the town of Pacific said he thought the tone of Eagon's resignation letter suggested she was seeking to divert blame for the end of her 88-day stint to the county's leaders, instead of shouldering any of the responsibility herself.

**Sheriff confirms 2 employees consumed alcohol in Columbia County district attorney's office –Portage Daily Register**

Two employees of a public office that prosecutes alcohol-related offenses violated county work rules and ordinances by consuming alcohol inside the Columbia County Courthouse, Sheriff Roger Brandner confirmed Wednesday. Brandner said his office had received reports that two staff members in the Columbia County District Attorney's Office had consumed alcohol inside the office sometime in February.

**Forum on fair election maps to be held –Lake Mills Leader**

The public is invited to hear former Senate Majority Leaders Tim Cullen and Dale Schultz, co-chairs of the Fair Elections Project Wisconsin Campaign, speak on nonpartisan redistricting and the effects of gerrymandering on Thursday, April 25, 6 p.m. at the Jefferson Public Library, 321 Main Street. The Fair Elections Project and the Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition have endorsed legislation in favor of independent redistricting in Wisconsin. Cullen and Schultz will explain how partisan legislative districting harms fair elections and what citizens can do to promote Fair Maps. Jefferson County Board Supervisor Brandon White will also speak on a proposed non-binding referendum that would allow voters in Jefferson County to approve fair maps.

**Local administrators, teachers testify for Joint Finance Committee –Lake Mills Leader**

Lake Mills Area School District Administrator Pam Streich joined hundreds of other citizens in presenting oral testimony at the April 5 hearing. Streich emphasized the need for increases in per-pupil funding and in the state's special education reimbursement rate to ensure schools can be adequately staffed to meet diverse student needs. In addition, Lake Mills High School English Teacher Brenda Morris and Lake Mills Elementary School Teacher Deb Galstad used personal time to attend hearings as individual citizens on April 5 and 10 to present testimony that emphasized the need for funding for special education, counselors, social workers, psychologists, and mental health experts.

**Local non-profit helps 99 households in 2018 –Cambridge News & Deerfield Independent**

The Cambridge Area Resource Team (CART), a local non-profit, served 99 households in 2018. CART Board of Directors member Pat Long said that the organization worked with 99 individuals or families living in the Cambridge School District during the 2018 calendar year. In serving these 99 households, Long said, CART provided about \$26,000 in financial assistance. CART announced its 2018 service statistics in a statement late March. Created in July 2013, CART is a volunteer-run non-profit designed to connect people to resources, and help local residents who need it.

**Solar 'OKs' could grease skids here - Daily Jefferson County Union**

The Wisconsin Public Service Commission on Thursday approved five interrelated cases advocates say are likely to lead to a five-fold expansion of solar energy in Wisconsin and pave the way for at least one of two large Jefferson County solar projects. The PSC this week approved the Badger Hollow Solar Farm project in Iowa County, totaling 300 megawatts. Badger Hollow could become the largest solar electric plant in the Midwest when completed. In addition, the PSC approved a "tie line" that will deliver Badger Hollow's output to a nearby substation, where it will be injected into the existing southwest Wisconsin grid. It also approved the Two Creeks Solar Project in Manitowoc County, totaling 150 megawatts. As with Badger Hollow, the PSC also approved a "tie line" that will deliver Two Creeks' output to a nearby substation.

**Sullivan reading specialist concerned about dyslexia legislation -Daily Jefferson County Union**

A Sullivan reading specialist is concerned that pending legislation might tie the hands of reading teachers by favoring one approach and one reading diagnosis over others. Sarah Schnuelle, who has received state and national recognition as a Kohl Fellow and a National Board Certified reading teacher, is speaking out about two linked dyslexia bills making their way through the state Legislature. One component proposes establishing a dyslexia guidebook to guide teaching practices statewide, while the other creates a new position at the state

Department of Public Instruction, one of the requirements for which is that the individual be a fellow of one specific intervention program that Schnuelle said research has not shown to be effective.

**Investment firms eye Fort, Watertown Shopkos –Daily Jefferson County Union**

Shopko properties in Fort Atkinson and Watertown appear to be among 75 such locations in Midwest and Western states that two New York-based investment firms are seeking to purchase. According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the bankrupt retailer's headquarters in the Green Bay suburb of Ashwaubenon also is involved and the firms will seek to lease, redevelop or sell the properties, which are in Shopko's territory. Jefferson County Register of Deeds Staci Hoffman said Monday that her office saw financial activity related to the dealings in its records department in recent days. She said it pertained to both the Watertown and Fort Atkinson Shopko stores slated for closure.

**Jagler, Fitzgerald work to clean up terms-Watertown Daily Times**

The Wisconsin State Assembly and Senate passed a bill that would remove use of the phrase "mental retardation" and its derivatives from all state administrative code. The bill, authored by Rep. John Jagler and Sen. Scott Fitzgerald, replaces the R-word with the phrase "intellectual disability." In 2011 Act 126 was signed into law, deleting the offensive phrase from all state statutes. However, this offensive terminology can still be found in the state's administrative code in rules promulgated by numerous state agencies. Senate Bill 19 substitutes the phrase "intellectual disability," striking the offensive phrase.

**Dittrich works to control abortion matter in state –Watertown Daily Times**

Dittrich, the founder of a nonprofit for parents of children with special needs, said this bill is needed to protect the most vulnerable. "We can't be advocates for the disabled and at the same time say that their lives are worth targeting and terminating. I've spent most of my adult life supporting this community, and this bill is a natural extension of that," she said.

**Windwood may be sold, any use yet to be revealed –Watertown Daily Times**

Jeanne Whitish, president and one of the owners of Madison Golf and Development Group of Middleton, told the Daily Times Tuesday a potential purchaser is considering buying the facility and that more information regarding the deal may be made public by that entity in the coming weeks. Those involved with any deals on the Windwood property have not said what the property might be used for, but experts in golf course management say it is important courses not be left without care for too long or their parts, such as greens, are irretrievable.

**Sensenbrenner seen as 'most conservative' –Watertown Daily Times**

This week, the American Conservative Union Foundation released its 2018 Congressional Ratings, naming U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Menomonee Falls, a recipient of the "Award for Conservative Excellence." Sensenbrenner received a 96 percent score in 2018 -- the highest among the Wisconsin delegation.

**Spacious Acres again comes up at meeting –Watertown Daily Times**

Residents of Spacious Acres Mobile Home Park again filled the board room at the monthly town of Concord meeting. Sally Williams, secretary of the plan committee, presented an amended and updated draft of the mobile home ordinance to the board. It included penalties for the owners of the park for noncompliance of the town ordinance as to how the mobile home park is operated and maintained. At the March meeting, mobile home residents presented a list of grievances against the owner, Asset Development Group, that included snow-plowing and removal of ice, tree removal, dogs running at large, water pressure, unanswered phone messages and general maintenance of the park grounds.

**Waterloo referendum again discussed by school board –Watertown Daily Times**

*Information on parking lot configurations and pedestrian safety measures related to the upcoming Waterloo School District referendum were presented by Waterloo School District Administrator Brian Henning during Monday's regular Waterloo School Board meeting. It is estimated that \$45,000 will be needed to implement the pedestrian safety measures and grant opportunities are being researched to assist with the funding.*

**Co-owner fine with club split –Watertown Daily Times**

*A Watertown man who co-owned a Milwaukee strip club and another near Middleton said Tuesday he's out of the strip club business and doesn't mind it. "We cut ties," said Radomir Buzdum regarding his business partners associated with Silk Exotic strip clubs. The split between Buzdum and his former club associates caused Silk Exotic to issue a statement late last week. "As much as anyone, Silk finds the allegations against Radomir Buzdum and the club he owns in Dodge County disturbing," according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, which released a copy of the statement. "While the allegations against Mr. Buzdum and his venue do not involve Silk, or any of the Silk properties, Silk group has severed ties with Mr. Buzdum by purchasing all of his ownership shares."*